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<b>In re Application of:</b>	<b>Brown et al.</b>
<b>Application No.:</b>	<b>10/817508</b>
<b>Filed:</b>	<b>April 2, 2004</b>
<b>For:</b>	<b>Improved Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent</b>
<b>Examiner:</b>	<b>Vy Q. Bui</b>
<b>Group Art Unit:</b>	<b>3738</b>

Mail Stop Amendment  
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RESPONSE

This Response is in reply to the Office Action dated March 14, 2007.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the application as follows: